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Re: Application of Giorgio PAGANI and Umberto ZARDI
PROCESS AND PLANT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF UREA WITH HIGH
CONVERSION YIELD AND LOW ENERGY CONSUMPTION
Assignee: UREA CASALE S.A.
Our Ref: Q53806

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/285,649 (Confirmation No. 3966) filed on April 5, 1999, of Giorgio PAGANI and Umberto ZARDI entitled PROCESS AND PLANT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF UREA WITH HIGH CONVERSION YIELD AND LOW ENERGY CONSUMPTION.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1764.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on January 17, 2002, under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Switzerland	263/95-8	February 1, 1995

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/285,649.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

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The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>9</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=		x	\$9.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>5</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>2</u>	x	\$42.00	=	<u>\$84.00</u>
Base Fee									\$370.00

TOTAL FILING FEE **\$454.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$454.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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